

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging receipt of the claim for priority and all certified copies of priority documents.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge acceptance of the drawings.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is currently amended. Claims 5-10 and 12-14 were previously amended.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in the use of the phrase 'in which a downward flow obtains during heating of water in the kettle'.

Claim 1 has been amended to call for the particle catcher to be situated in an outer region of the inner space 2 of the receptacle 1 in which a downward flow obtains during heating of water in the kettle while the kettle is in an upright position, and to call for the particle catcher 9 to have an inlet 11.

Support for this amendment may be found, e.g., in the paragraph beginning at line 13, and particularly at lines 16-19, of page 4 of Applicant's specification.

In view of this amendment, it is urged that the claims now particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention, and that accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by O'Flynn.


O'Flynn shows a kettle 10 with a filter plate 26 situated adjacent a spout 24. The reference also shows a water treatment cartridge 38 situated in an outer region of the interior 16, behind the filter plate 26.

However, water treatment cartridge 38 does not have an upwardly-directed inlet, as called for by Applicant's claim 1. On the contrary, the upper side cartridge 38 is closed off by an outwardly extending top wall 47. See, e.g., fig. 8 and col. 3, line 51 of O'Flynn.

Accordingly, it is urged that O'Flynn does not anticipate the rejected claims, and that therefore the rejection is in error and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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